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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 September 1965

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DDI tabled Vietnam map portfolios which had been downgraded from an earlier Secret version to Official Use Only per request of the DCI. It was agreed that copies of these portfolios would be sent to the White House Situation Room.

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DDI reported on a memo done at McGeorge Bundy's request describing the status of Jews in the USSR. [REDACTED]

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DDI said he had been phoned yesterday by Tom Hughes who says the State Department Passport Division is studying the possibility of lifting restrictions on travel by U.S. newsmen, scholars, etc., to Cuba, Albania, and China.

R.J. Smith briefed on yesterday's statement by Hanoi which gives the impression of greater NVN flexibility as regards negotiations. A memo assessing this statement is being disseminated at "working levels."

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Kent tabled the current draft of NIE 11-8. DCI concurred with Kent's suggestion that this be discussed next week at USIB, remanded for any further work, and then taken up in a final USIB session on 7 October. It was noted that General Carroll feels obligated to have the NIE ready for SecDef by 1 October.

Kent referred to a recent DIA request for an NIE on resistance potential in Communist countries. He described the background of previous studies on this subject and he was advised to confer and discuss this subject within the Agency to make a determination as to whether or not to meet the DIA request.

At DCI inquiry, Kent said he had a draft letter for DCI's signature to SecDef and a study ready assessing State Department views in recent NIE's and SNIE's on Vietnam. State's views at this time cannot be held to be specious.

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deSilva reported that a small working group under Ambassador Unger has conducted three urgent meetings this week examining issues involved in any negotiations with NVN. A paper will be ready on Monday.

deSilva reported that he and Colby had briefed Senator Brewster yesterday. The Senator is travelling soon to Vietnam.

25X1 At DCI inquiry, deSilva explained that researchers and chemists are still studying [redacted]

25X1 Bross reported that he had talked with Secretary Vance yesterday about Vance's request to have the NRO Executive Committee meet next week to discuss [redacted] our view that this should be put off until the following week. Vance had explained that Science Advisor Hornig had shown interest in holding an ExCom meeting. Vance also noted that Hornig believes the ExCom should have an Executive Secretary and Vance will confer with Flax [redacted] about this. (See Action 1)

25X1 DDS&T reported that two OXCART's yesterday had flown above Mach 3.

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DDP reported that [redacted] is going to head up the counter-intelligence unit within the Station in Saigon. He also reported that beginning this evening, a DDP officer will be posted full-time in the Operations Center. The DDP duty officer will participate in morning briefings of the DCI.

DDP said that arrangements had been made to brief Robert Murphy on Cuban intelligence tomorrow afternoon.

Executive Director reported that the annual Civil Defense exercise has been postponed until May.

DDCI noted that SecState does not favor a U-2 flight [redacted]. The consensus at the moment is that the detachment [redacted] should sit and wait.

DDCI noted that [redacted] is on board in the Office of SecDef as of this morning. (See Action 5)

ACTIONS

1. As regards the NRO ExCom meeting proposed by Secretary Vance, Bross is to inform Vance that the DCI is willing to meet, but that any matters up for decision should be referred to the new NRO staff for study and recommendation. (D/DCI/NIPE in the course of the day)

2. DCI requests a study of Soviet performance in launching Soviet reconnaissance satellites as compared with ours. He plans to discuss this with Secretary Vance with whom he will meet next Wednesday. During those discussions, he can relate the Soviet performance [redacted] (DDI -- 28 September)

3. DCI asked DDS&T to ensure that the Hyland Panel, when next it meets, is shown such studies as the FMSAC analysis [redacted]. DDS&T is requested also to consider sending copies [redacted] to members of the Hyland Panel now. (DDS&T)

4. Upon being briefed by DDS&T on the lack of operational interest in a certain technical matter [redacted] raised by General Davis of the Hyland Panel, DCI asked DDS&T to write General Davis and set forth our views. (DDS&T -- 1 October)

5. DCI asked that all Agency components make the necessary arrangements to provide [redacted] with full support, particularly in the publications field.

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